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Title: Digital Signature System, Digital Signature Method, Digital Signature Mediation Method, Digital Signature Mediation System, Information Terminal and Storage Medium

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: